



DX bulletin 590
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We hope you have enjoyed reading DX-World as much as we have enjoyed compiling it. Merry Xmas to you all and a have a DX-filled festive season going into 2025 – a year that will see the solar cycle peak further, and DXpeditions coming thick and fast.

DX-World will continue to serve you with DX info throughout the entire festive period.

DX World's alphanumeric look at 2024

Considering the past 12 months has seen DXpedition after DXpedition, it's no coincidence that 2024 has probably been the busiest year ever on DX-World. One of the main aims is trying to cover each DXpedition as best as possible, particularly the major ones, and I hope we did that justice again this year, either through the website, social media or the weekly bulletin.

It's the quiet season now for DX travels and DXpeditions so what better way to look back – alphanumerically and pictorially – at what made your log, and what didn't.

With Solar Cycle 25 now ramped up roll on 2025. Enjoy the recap below !

73 Col MM0NDX @ DX-World.

See <https://www.dx-world.net/dx-worlds-alphanumeric-look-at-2024/>

DX news

TO0J French Guiana –update December 19

TO0J will be running Super Fox and normal Fox/Hound. Super Fox key is received from NCDXF and tested. I will be on 6 Meter / 50 MHz and ON4KST chat with the user TO0J. VOACAP pictures have been added here. Club Log Live Stream has been set up and will be running here. All details / future updates found here <https://www.dx-world.net/to0j-french-guiana/>

JX0X Jan Mayen

Last few days a station has been signing JX0X from Jan Mayen. Information is scarce so far. In 2021 a DXpedition with the same callsign was announced (which was later cancelled). The current JX0X has been active on 80, 40 and 20SSB, with the operator (Harold) sounding Norwegian (or perhaps German). Indeed, he was heard today clearly on 20m saying "Merry Xmas from Jan Mayen", and that he would again be on 80m later. WFWL !

"LADXG and the previous holders of JX0X know nothing about it. If there was a new operator on the island, he would most likely use his personal call like JX7DFA or JX3P club station. It's most likely a pirate."

IDXC 2025

Announcing the Next Generation DXing Program at IDXC 2025.

By N6PSE, Paul Ewing and AA7A Ned Stearns, Co-Chairs, IDXC 2025.

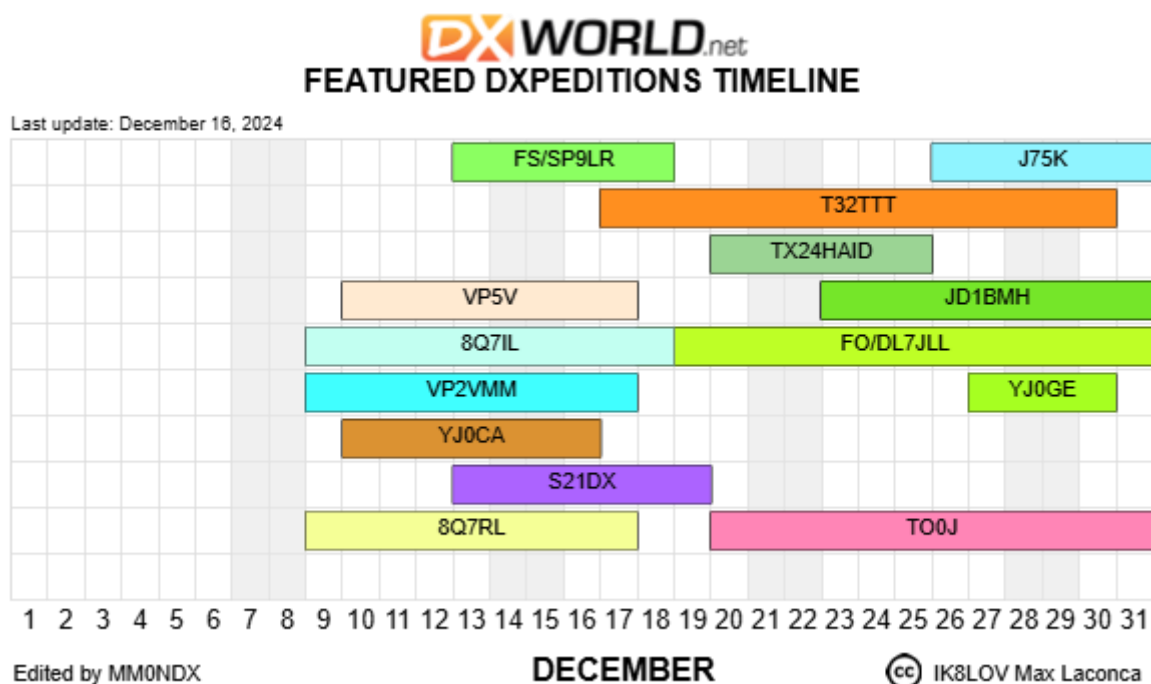
Traditional DXpedition methods are being challenged by rising costs, prohibitive environmental constraints and growing restrictions on transportation services. As a result, many DXCC entities that perpetually sit at the top of the DXCC Most Wanted list will retain their position at the top of the list, denying access to DXCC Honor Roll for many until forward-thinking teams develop some novel solutions to address some tough problems.

Speakers/panelists will include George Wallner (AA7JV), Bart Janke (W9JJ), Don Greenbaum (N1DG), Gerry Hull (W1VE), Bill Fehring (W9KKN), Gregg Marco (W6IZT), Ned Stearns (AA7A), Glenn Johnson (W0GJ) and possibly others. The following topics will be the focus of a series of 45-minute panel discussions that will be completely open to audience participation:

Watch for details on the IDXC website in the coming months. Consider attending this first-of-its kind event that will introduce you to the next generation of DXpedition and distributed/flexible contest station designs. <https://www.dx-world.net/idxc-2025/>



DXCC Timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

Pacific travels by Gerhard OE3GEA

Gerhard – OE3GEA together with his partner Maria plans to be active from the following Pacific entities during December and January:

New Caledonia as **TX24HAID** during December 20-25, 2024.

Vanuatu as **YJ0GE** during December 27-30, 2024.

Fiji as **3D2GE** during December 31 – January 7, 2025.

Samoa as **5W0GE** during January 9-12, 2025

American Samoa as **KH8/OE3GEA** during January 12-15, 2025

Hawaii as **KH6/OE3GEA** during January 18-21, 2025.

Holiday style activities using a TS-480SAT, Outbacker antenna and wire dipole covering 30-10m; CW.

QSL via OE3GEA (bureau/direct), Club Log & LoTW.



FO/DL7JLL Mangareva
VP6JLL Pitcairn

Hardy, DL7JLL got in touch with DX-WORLD to mention about his upcoming DXpedition to Mangareva and Pitcairn until January 15, 2025. Details as follows:

FO/DL7JLL – Rikitea village, Mangareva.

VP6JLL – Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

QRV with a KX3 transceiver and small 50w amp + inverted V antenna. Bands: 10, 15, 20m – SSB only.

T30, W KIRIBATI
T31, C KIRIBATI
T32, E KIRIBATI
T33, BANABA

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T32TTT Kiritimati -> now on air with local ops SSB and FT4/8, remote ops using CW.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort during December and January. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

CN, MOROCCO Ralf, DB4REB is QRV as CN2REB until end January 2025. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is in Agadir and he will do some POTA sites along the coast. QSL via home call direct.

FR, REUNION ISL Thomas, DJ2TG is operating as FR/call until December 23. Activity on 30 meter and up using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA Joe, OZ0J will be operating between December 20 and December 31 as T00J. Operation from 80 to 10 meter but depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. He will operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound), but mostly FT8 because FY5FY and FY5KE are very active on CW, SSB and RTTY. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Website url to be added once callsign known.

On the scene...OZ0J checking in at the airport on his way to French Guiana as T00J.



HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Harry, JG7PSJ will once again be QRV as JD1BMH between December 23 and January 3. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

KH9, WAKE ISL Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time. He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

TJ, CAMEROON Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025. Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is once again QRV as TR8CR until mid-January 2025. Operation from 30-10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

Coming up soon

8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD will once again be active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) between January 1 and February 8, 2025. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

J7, DOMINICA Lucien FM5WD, Luca IV3JVJ and Ivan IK3ZAAQ will be active as J75K from December 26 until January 4, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK will be operating as KH0/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Operation on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Brian, G4DVB will be active from Calypso Bay as V4/G4DVB during December 31 to January 6. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of V47JA. QSL via home call direct.

On the scene...AU2S Sagar Island AS-153 –now QRT December 13

QRT due to challenging conditions. Limited prep time, but we gave it our all! Thanks to all chasers, donors and organisations supported us.



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Saint Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until end 2024. Operation on HF using mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via LoTW and home call.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

On the scene...S21DX Dal Char Island AS-140 –now QRT



NORTH AMERICA

NA-085 St George Isl Darren, K4DMN will be QRV between December 23 and December 27. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-042 Luzon Isl Hannes, OE1SGU is active as DU1OE until December 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using all modes. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

OC-063 Gambier Isl Hardy, DL7JLL is operating as FO/call until January 15, 2025. Later he moves to Pitcairn. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using a wire antenna. QSL via home call, bureau.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

D4, CAPE VERDE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA between February 5 and February 18, 2025. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Dom, F4IFF will be operating as FM/call between January 19 and January 27, 2025. QRV on HF using SSB and digi in low power with verticals and wire antennas. QSL via EB7DX, Club Log livestream.

JW, SVALBARD Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.



PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be QRV as PJ2/call between January 14 and February 4, 2025. QRV on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via eqsl.

THE REMINDERS

Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

YN6RRC – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

H7RRC – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

TI1RRC – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

3F3RRC – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

6W, SENEGAL
C5, THE GAMBIA

Billy, F4GJE will be operating as C5RK and 6W1RD during January 2025.
C5RK January 4-5
6W1RD January 11-12
Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via EA7FTR.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition sometime around the 3rd week of January. They have requested the callsign 5N9DTG. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8.

6W, SENEGAL Willy ON4AVT will once again be active as 6X7/call between February 2 and April 10, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

6Y, JAMAICA The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

C6, THE BAHAMAS Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during the second half of January 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

E5, COOK ISL Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

QSL preview

VP8G

IOTA SA002 Falkland Islands

The Falklands were ranking #27 on the Most Wanted List for CW in Europe and thus a good reason to go there for mainly a CW operation. I stayed at the Darwin House where they made my stay fantastic. They prepared my room specifically for the radio operation. Incl. two large tables. The food was excellent and the staff treated me outstanding. The weather proved to be a challenge for the antennas and I had to repair both of them after the storm settled. The pile-ups were fantastic. Special thanks go to my wife for her continuous support. Further I like to thank the staff of Darwin House, Renato, Carlos and Stephanie who made my stay unforgettable.

Other calls held, used or operated:
PA0GAM, PA4GAM, PF4WCV, PA0GAM/OH0, PA0GAM/OH0/OJ, PA0GAM/4ST, BV0AA, 9Q5MA, PA0GAM/9L, PA0GAM/ST2, T77C, YB3AQE, VK9GA (Jmax), ZA/PA0GAM, PA5NT, JW/PA5NT, STZX, JW0PK, PJ2/PG5M, SV9/PG5M, C56M, 9M2/PG5M (AS074, AS072, AS046, AS051-Spradly), 9M2/PG5M/6, V8FGM, T30GM, 3D2GM, T2G, PG5M/BA4RF, A73A, T8GM, V6G, A73A, CEDV/PG5M, XX9TGM, ZS1/PG5M, LX/PG5M, C81G, OH10X (EU192 New), ST1GM, HB0/PG5M, SV5/PG5M, 5R8CG, PG37EUDXF, W8S (Swains), VP6G, PG38EUDXF

Equipment:
1x SunSDR2 PRO, 1x SunSDR2 DX, Expert 1.3K-FA
DX-Commander 40-10, HexBeam 20-6m

IOTA: SA002, QTH locator: GD08me
Web: www.dx.to
QSL manager: MOOIXO

Operator: Gerben A.J. Menting - PG5M
CWops: 3576

DARWIN House

GDxF, CDXC, CLIPPERTON DX CLUB, KC5WXA, NORTHERN OHIO ASSOCIATION INC, DX GROUP

E6, NIUE Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP for 3 weeks in April 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team with F5VHQ, F8GGV, F6BCW, F5SDD, SP5APW, HB9GWJ, F8ATS, EA1SA, F6FMC, F1MNQ, OK2WX will be QRV as TX7N during January 2025, the team will also use TX100REF (REF CW), TX7MAS (SAT + 23EME) and TX7WW (CQWW CW 160) throughout the DXpedition period covering special activities / contests

H44, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8g.com/>

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

J7, DOMINICA Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV sometime February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

OY, FAROE ISL The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be QRV as P4/call and P40AA between January 18-28, 2025. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using FT4/8, CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or home call.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

QSL preview



T8, PALAU Mike, JA6EGL will once again be active as T88SM between January 10-16, 2025. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, AM and FM from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, direct only.

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL and Kazu JE6KFN will be QRV from Koror as T88SM and T88XK during January 10-16, 2025. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

TI9, COCOS ISL Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI9CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow

throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

TY, BENIN Following on from the TY5C activity in March this year, Gérard F5NVF will again be QRV from Godomey during January 10 to April 2, 2025. He'll be active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

V7, MARSHALL ISL Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.

This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.

There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'

YS, EL SALVADOR Dave, WJ2O will be operating as YS1/call between February 12 and February 19, 2025. Operation on HF using CW. The ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info. It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

ZK3, TOKELAU Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau end 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!



IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Emmanuel, F5LIT will once again be QRV as YB9/call from January 28 until February 16, 2025. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

OC-059 Kosrae Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1, 2025. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

OCEANIA

OC-067 Bora Bora Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

OC-235 Camiguin Isl Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

ARCTIC NEWS

Wolf's Fand Runway

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

RI42SP Arctic travels

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

FT4YM Antarctica

David, F4FKT is again active as **FT4YM** from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#) **FT4YM**: Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

FT4YM/P: Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL To celebrate the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, the Israel Association of Radio Communication (formerly known as Israel Amateur Radio Club) will be running special event stations **4X8NER** and **4Z8NER** from 25 December to 2 January 2025. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via 4Z5MU. A certificate will be available: <https://tools.iarc.org/chanukah24/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE65XMAS** will be active between December 20 and January 6. QSL via bureau.

OH, FINLAND Once again Santa Radio, **OF9X** (Old Father Nine Xmas) is active until end 2024

from 160-6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH. Each operator will send his suffix as part of the report (e.g. 599BH for Martti, OH2BH). You can contact a maximum of 16 Santa operators on a variety of bands and modes, which makes up your Santa run total score. This time the score card is reported on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OF9X>. The Santa Radio operators are: Rami OH2BCI (BCI) Juha OH2LQ (LQ) Martti OH2BH (BH) Pekka OH2TA (TA) Davide OH2BLS (BLS) Henri OH3JR (JR) Era OH2CV (CV) Pauli OH5BQ (BQ) Arttu OH2FB (FB) Alex OH5UY (UY) Jorma OH2KI (KI) Reijo OH7GGX (GGX) Jyri OH2KM (KM) Tero OH7WP (WP) Arto OH2KW (KW) Esa OH7WV (WV) (TNX 425DX)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2025NY** and **UE25NY** will be active from 29 December to 8 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>). QSL via RQ7L. (TNX 425DX)

W, USA Club station **W2HRU** will be QRV from 30 December to 4 January to mark the 26th annual Ham Radio University educational conference. Look for SSB activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres, as well as FT8 on multiple bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, the W2 QSL Bureau or direct to KA2D. In addition, a printable QSL Certificate will be available. Detailed information on <https://hamradiouniversity.org/>. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

4X, ISRAEL In anticipation of Christmas, special event **4X7X** from the Abbey of the Dormition on 20-22 December. All QSLs via 4X6ZM. A certificate will be available: <https://www.iarc.org/xmas2024>. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA Promoting IARU Region 1's Program for Disabled Radio Amateurs, members of the Croatian Amateur Radio Association (HRS) will activate special callsigns **9A24PDRA**, **9A24PD** and **9A24D** starting on 3 December (the International Day of Persons with Disabilities) until the end of the year. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

DL, GERMANY **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney are using until end 2024 to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN The HamRadioDX.es club runs a Christmas special event until December 25 with the callsign **EG7FN**, including also short-term awards. For more information see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Special callsign **HB50VC** celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Club Swissair (HB9VC) end 2024. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW; QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available for download: <https://award.dl1run.de/award/hb50vc/awardform.html> (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

I, ITALY **4U30B** is the special callsign issued to the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Global Service Centre in Brindisi, Italy. Look for activity between 15 November and 31 December. QSL via 9A2AA. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Bologna will be active as **II4RCDN** from 1 October to 31 December. QSL via IZ4FUE. The special callsign marks the 60th Anniversary of the Northern Cross Radio Telescope, one of the largest transit radio telescopes in the world. Gianfranco Sinigaglia (I4BBE, SK), after whom the Bologna ARI Section is named, was a professor of radioastronomy and applied electronics at the Physics Institute of Bologna University, and responsible for the electronics of the Northern Cross. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/II4RCDN> for information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club reach the 7th edition, always with formula of "Short Contest"; this year the Event date is placed on January 4th 2025. The aims is to make our Club know to the New Generations, and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, and promote the MARCONI CLUB A.R.I. LOANO, founded on May the 8th 1988 by Libero Meriggi I1YXN, strongly motivated by the famous DX-peditioner Baldur DJ6SI. All the information can be read on <https://www.marconiclub.it/>

I, ITALY Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Italy (6 October 1924), ARI local branches across Italy will be using special callsigns from 1 October to 29 December. The callsigns will be in the format **II#Rxyz** (e.g. II9RCAT for ARI Catania) and

IR#Rxyz (e.g. IR1RVDB for ARI Valbormida). In addition, special event station I1MRTV will be active from the RAI Radio and Television Museum in Torino. Certificates and electronic QSLs will be available for download from the HamAward platform (direct link from each special callsign's qrz.com page). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: **I14FCGD** (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LA400KBG** during 2024 to celebrate the 400th anniversary since the establishment of the Kongsberg silver mines and the Kongsberg town in 1624. Operation on different bands and modes. QSL direct only via LA1TV. The silver rich area measures about 5 x 20 km, and the richest mine, called The King's Mine, was mined to a depth of 1076 meters. The mining lasted to 1958, and the total silver amount mined has been estimated to about 2000 tonnes. (TNX DXNL)

LY, LITHUANIA **LY24XMAS** will be active throughout December. LY2QT offers a commemorative coin for 10 QSOs with special event stations carrying an XMAS or HNY suffix; one QSO with LY24XMAS is obligatory and 5 Euro for covering postage: ly2qt.wal@gmail.com. QSL LY24XMAS via LY2QT. (TNX DXNL)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ311PA** (December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OH, FINLAND Celebrating the Christmas Holiday Season, the OH9A team is once again active as **OG1XMAS** on all bands and modes on 1-24 December. QSL via LoTW (preferred), Club Log's OQRS, or direct to OH1NOA. (TNX 425DX)

OM, SLOVAKIA **OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM Members of UBA's Groupement De Verviers will be active as **OR80USA** on 16-31 December. The special callsign commemorates the 80th anniversary of the liberation from German occupation and the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, events in which the US military was heavily engaged. QSL via bureau to ON4GDV. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsL.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA24XMAS**, **PD24ELF** and **PI24XMAS** will be active on 1-31 December, while **PD25HNY** will be QRV from 24 December until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued, but see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PI24XMAS> for the certificate. (TNX 425DX)

PY, BRAZIL The Bicho do Mato DX Team celebrates its 10th anniversary with the callsign **ZV2BM** throughout December. QSL via bureau, LoTW, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

S5, SLOVENIA Special event station **S525PMC** will be active from 5 December to 5 January 2025 to promote the PMC Contest, sponsored by the Radio Club Slovenj Gradec (S59DCD). The International Association of Peace Messenger Cities was established in 1988 to recognize and encourage the role and responsibility cities have in creating a culture of peace. The PMC Contest, promoting contacts between stations located in the Peace Messenger Cities and the rest of the world, will be held on 4-5 January. Complete information can be found on <https://www.s59dcd.si/index.php/sl/ww-pmc/ww-pmc-contest-rules>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN **SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN **SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatorer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

SP, POLAND Special callsigns **SN100P**, **SN100L**, **SN100N**, **SN100PLN** and **SN100BP** will be used from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Bank Polski SA and the introduction of the zloty (PLN), Poland's official currency. The activity is organized by the Polish Amateur Radio Association. QSL via the bureau. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SN100PLN> for the details. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **HFOCLAUS** and

SPOCLAUS will be active from 6 December to 6 January. QSL via the bureau, eQSL, or direct to Dariusz Florczyk, ul. Kozminska 35, 63-330 Dobrzyca, Poland. Other special callsigns for the festive season include 3Z0XMAS (Poland), EG7FN (Spain, 10-25 December), II2XMAS (Italy, 29 November-6 January), LY24XMAS (Lithuania, 1-31 December), OE65XMAS (Austria, 20 December-6 January), OZ4XMAS (Denmark), PD2025HNY (Netherlands, 23-31 December), TM2024MC (France), VK6SANTA (Australia, 1-24 December), YR8XMAS (Romania, 1 December-5 January). See their qrz.com's pages for more information. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND SN55DIG is the special callsign that Adam, SQ9S will be using until the end of the year to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Diplom Interessen Gruppe. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. See <https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/> for information about the DIG. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC-007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

A sneak peek at just some of the DXpeditions coming up in January, February and March. Lots more to be added no doubt...



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